

# Murphy and Smith Favored to Down Welsh and Mitchell for D.C. Tennis Title

## The SPORTLIGHT Funny Men Have Made History in Baseball

By GRANTLAND RICE,  
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NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (N.A.A.A.).—Who have been the great clowns of baseball? Who have worked back of the comic mask and made it pay? There have been any number of baseball clowns who never intended to be that way.

Baseball is a serious profession, as young Hershberger proved a few days ago. But the old game also has had its share of real comedians. I ran into one yesterday. His name is Al Schacht.

"I can give you 11 minutes," Al said. "Then I'm on my way to Wilkes-Barre for another show."

Without waiting for any further repartee, Schacht went on. "I've been, one way or another, in 20 World Series. I've planted my world record act in 423 cities. And I'm just warming up. I travel over 15,000 miles a month. Maybe 20,000 miles a month to give the crowd a laugh. Which the world can use today."

"That happens to be a lot of travel and terrain," I said.

"It's still true," Al countered. "Not long ago I put on a show in St. Paul. This was on Sunday. On Tuesday night I was in Hollywood, 2,100 miles away by motor. And I got there on time. I just put the old boat at 80 miles an hour and left it that way. I've got more dates ahead than I can fill. But one way or another, I'll fill 'em if I have to move the old crate up to 100 miles an hour."

Al went into Akron, Ohio, where they had drawn 985 paid admissions the night before. The night he worked there were 4,800 paid.

"That," he said, "shows you Akron appreciates art and talent in its higher form."

Schacht never realized the value of his comedy.

I asked Schacht to name the top comedians of baseball.

"No, I can't," he said. "It's Germany Schaefer, the old Tigers."

"How about Arlie Latham of the old Browns?" I asked.

Al gave me a hurt look. "You are going back more than 50 years," he said. "To the days of Chris von der Ahe of the old Browns. I understand he was a riot. But I'm not that old. Germany Schaefer was a natural. But he was an amateur. He never made any money out of it. He got more laughs than any one I ever saw. But they never paid him for it."

Then we took up Rube Waddell. I happened to play against Rube in 1898, when I was at Vanderbilt.

The Rube had on a trick hat with a red band and a blue tassel. He had yellow buttons. He had a white shirt with a fast ball and ended Twineham's big league career. The Rube laughed for several minutes.

Later on he would quit a ball game to serve bar with a white shirt and then go fishing—while Connie Mack waited and waited. He would call in the outfield with the bases full and then strike out the side. The best combination of speed and a fast curve in baseball history.

"You've seen more of them," I said. "Schacht. Who is the fastest pitcher you ever saw?"

"Don't you try to be funny," Al said. "You know the name is Walter Johnson. He had nothing but speed most of the time. They all knew a fast ball was coming. His curve was a joke. But he still pitched 113 shutouts. He struck out over 3,000 batters. He lost over 80 games in 1 to 0."

Rivals Mysteriously Ill  
Days Walter Pitched

"He had the best lifetime earned-run record in baseball. He was so fast that he was faster than a bullet. I used to watch those hitters facing him all getting set for a fast ball. But they couldn't see it. Half a team would get sick the day they had to face Walter."

This is what Ring Lardner used to tell me when he traveled with the White Sox.

"They dug up more ills and ailments than I ever heard of," Ring said once.

"Johnson pitched three shutouts in three days," Al said. "Give me a pitcher who can do that today. With a better hitting ball club he might have won 40 games a year for 10 years."

Johnson was a great pitcher. Johnson, working with this Cleveland club, would win about 40 games and lose 3.

He never tried to dust a man off. I worked with him for years. He was always afraid he was going to hit and hurt somebody. He was one of the gentlest men I've ever known. But what a pitcher. Oh, what a pitcher! The greatest baseball has ever known. Why? He just happened to have more stuff than any one else."

Play Off Pennant Tie

Cameo Furniture and Heurich Brewers will begin a playoff series Monday on the Ellipse to determine the second-half championship of the Industrial League. The Brewers, winners of the first-half crown, threw the second half into the tie yesterday by downing Cameo, 5-3.

Keenest Skeet Field in History  
Decides 12-Gauge Title Today

By the Associated Press.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 10.—The hottest field in skeet-shooting history turns today to the last 50 targets in the featured 12-gauge event of the sixth national championships.

Charles H. Poulton, an automobile salesman from San Antonio, Tex., and 18-year-old Dick Shaughnessy of Dedham, Mass., who have shattered 200 straight targets in two days, are a scarce target ahead of Patricia Laursen, comely Akron (Ohio) blond who broke 100 in a row yesterday to add to her 99.

Alex Kerr of Los Angeles and P. S. Hawkins, Dallas, Tex., added

## Johnsen Chief Victim Of Wave of Upsets In City Tourney

G. W. Ace Shares Defeat  
In Doubles With His  
Singles Conqueror

By LEWIS F. ATCHISON.

Dick Murphy and C. Alphonso Smith were to pair off against Barney Welsh and Dooley Mitchell at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Edgemont Club for the doubles championship in the annual men's District tennis tournament.

Thus, the week-long tourney reaches the climactic stage with outsiders in both final rounds—Hugh Lynch in singles and the Murphy-Smith combination in doubles.

Chief victim of the wholly unexpected wave of upsets was Bill Davey Johnson, clean-cut, smooth-stroking George Washington University star, who was ousted from singles by Lynch Thursday and who was removed from the doubles list yesterday.

Leses With His Conqueror.

Playing with his conqueror, Johnson bowed to Murphy and Smith in three sets, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, and the better team won in this instance.

Welsh and Mitchell were the underdogs in today's play according to seedings and popular opinion. The Rockville lawyer and District schoolmaster were ranked third on the select list, one peg below Smith and Murphy. Thursday Barney and Dooley were hard pressed to hurdle the all-Navy team of Jimmy Farrin and Bill Howard, seeded fourth, while yesterday Smith and Murphy appeared to be in stride in winning from the No. 1 seeded combination.

Two Give Welsh Workouts.

Added to this is the fact that both Al and Dick gave Welsh a good workout before succumbing in the lower bracket singles whereas Barney breezed through his remaining opponents without so much as the loss of a single game. Murphy was the first to win a game from him, breaking his streak in the second set and eventually winning five games before bowing out, while Smith was the first to take a set from the title holder.

This display of power augured well for their chances in the championship round, for while Welsh undoubtedly is the foremost singles player on the grounds and Mitchell is a fine doubles partner, they didn't seem quite up to the Smith-Murphy caliber. It was a question of a top-singles player and two good doubles partners against two crack doubles swatters.

Welsh meets Hugh Lynch tomorrow at 3 o'clock for the singles crown and is the favorite.

Johnson departed early last night for Newport, R. I., where he is scheduled to play in the Casino grass courts championship tournament opening Monday.

Plans Boosting Arena  
Capacity to 3,000  
Are Given Okay

Joe Turner Gets Permit;  
Abrams-Cocoa Kid Sale  
Is Brisk in Advance

A permit authorizing enlargement and improvement of Turner's Arena was issued today by the District building inspector's office, thereby ending rumors that Joe Turner would shift next winter's indoor activities to Riverside Stadium.

The plan calls for extension of the building to include a small parking lot on one side of the arena which will increase its seating capacity from 1,800 to approximately 3,000. The building will be air-conditioned in an effort to relieve the tobacco-smoke nuisance, but will not be cooled for summer activities. The promoter intends to continue outdoor promotions at Griffith Stadium.

Turner first proposed enlarging the arena two years ago, when its small seating was blamed for the caliber of ring shows. It was argued that its capacity was not sufficient to support better fighters, who demanded purses he was unable to pay. Increased revenue from the new seats is expected to eliminate this obstacle.

Meanwhile, a brisk advance sale is reported for George Abrams' 10-round bout with Cocoa Kid coming up Monday night at the ball park. The sale already has passed the \$20,000 mark, according to Matchmaker Gabe Menendez, who confidently predicts the show will smash all records for a non-benefit bout.

Cocoa was to wind up heavy work in another public drill at the arena this afternoon at 1 o'clock, while Abrams was finishing his concluding preparations at Mrs. Bev's camp, Summit, N. J. Abrams, who will have at least an 8-round pull in weights, will come to Washington tomorrow and take the day off before weighing in.

Greenbelt Wants Games

Greenbelt Boys' Club wants games with teams under 17 years for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call Greenbelt 2551.

Challenge Grady Boys

Two of the top insect baseball teams in Washington may meet to decide which owns the unofficial city championship. Washington Flour team, winner of 24 out of 26 games, is challenging Grady Boys' who have won 41 games this year.

Three More Ringer  
Artists Make Way  
In Star's Event

Haley, Felton, Fleshman  
Gain Metro Places in  
Consolation Round

Walter Haley of Washington and Frank Felton of Virginia were happy to see their names in the Metro consolation round today. As the results of consolation victories scored last night in The Star championships they will be among the 18 to shoot it out next Monday and Tuesday evenings for the Metropolitan crown.

In competition among defeated quarter-finalists of sectional play, Haley defeated Hal Ronning and Roy Wilson, and Felton trimmed Pete Heflin and Frank Porter. Wilson had eliminated Bill Woodfield, and Porter had erased Ed Henry.

The tournament management finds a problem in the Maryland section. Gus Brauer, who automatically qualified for the Metropolitan event by reaching the semifinals of State play, will be unable to shoot Monday, leaving an extra place for Maryland to fill.

Only Frank Fleshman showed for the consolation round and rates one of the spots. How to fill the other is a question to be settled today. Pairings for the Metropolitan, in which Clayton Henson of Virginia will defend the title, will be announced tomorrow.

Haley showed the best form in the consolation round. In Ronning he whipped last year's Metropolitan runner-up and in doing so pitched one game of 78 per cent ringers, putting on 25 out of 32 shots. The hottest match was that in which Woodfield defeated Woodfield, 50-44, 2-50, 50-15.

The public parks courts opposite the Commerce Building, where the tournament is being played, will be closed tonight and tomorrow night, but thereafter will be open each night until the season's close except on Saturdays and Sundays.

Turnock Wins Final  
Formal Contest in  
Archery Meet

By the Associated Press.

AMHERST, Mass., Aug. 10.—Capture of the Douglas Fairbanks Trophy, a silver-mounted hunting bow, by E. Hill Turnock of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for his victory in the Pope-Young round brought formal competition to a close in the National Archery Association tournament at Massachusetts State College.

Informal events today wind up the 60th annual assembly of the National archers, with two new national champions, Russ Hoeghyde of Northbrook, Ill., and 18-year-old Ann Weber of Bloomfield, N. J., holding the titles in the men's and women's divisions.

Archery golf, in which archers will compete in a contest with Peter Dunn, Amherst Golf Club professional, headed today's program.

New Orleans Entrant  
Bars Net Sweep by  
Coast Juveniles

By the Associated Press.

CULVER, Ind., Aug. 10.—A lone survivor from New Orleans was the only bar to a clean sweep by West Coast youngsters today in remaining finals of the national junior and boys' tennis tournament at Culver Military Academy.

Earl Bartlett, the Louisianan, plays Bobby Carrothers of Coronado, Calif., for the junior singles title and Jim Brink of Seattle meets Bob Falkenberg of Hollywood, Calif., for the boys' singles championship.

The final match of the junior doubles sends Carrothers and Douglas Woodbury of Los Angeles against Bartlett and Earl Cochell of Los Angeles.

Brink and Falkenberg won the boys' doubles crown yesterday with a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Allen Richardson of Webster Grove, Mo., and Jack Tuero of New Orleans.

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Another, W. Tulburt, Detroit, Mich., followed his up with a 98 to stay within shooting range of the championship.



PLAYGROUND TENNIS CHAMPIONS—In the annual competition for the Community Center tennis titles which ended yesterday on the Mall courts, these youngsters achieved honors. At the left is Mooney Adler, 16, of Raymond Playground who won the senior singles. Refreshing themselves at the drinking fountain above are Annette Grolman, 18 (left), and Mary Gray, 17, both of Park View Playground, who captured the senior girls' doubles, and in the other picture are shown Bill Elam and Britt Schweitzer, both 14, and both of Takoma Park Playground, who annexed the boys' junior doubles. Schweitzer also garnered the junior singles title.

—Star Staff Photos.

## Straight Off the Tee

By WALTER McCALLUM.

"Putting," said Wiffy Cox, "is the trickiest part of this game of golf. It's a game within a game, and sometimes you have that touch and sometimes you haven't. When you do have it you feel that you can hole anything, and when you don't you wonder on which side the ball is going to miss. But the fellow who gets around with 33 putts or in that neighborhood hasn't anything to worry about."

Wiffy used only 28 putts in that wonder round a couple of days ago at Congressional, when he played the lengthy course in 62 strokes. That happens to be 10 under par. Wiffy was talking about it.

"You know I've heard some remarks about this or any other course without fairway watering being a good spot for the open championship. Now don't forget that Congressional is a good course—one of the best—but over these fairways you can hit that ball a very long way. The ball just runs and keeps on running. Which is one reason the United States Golf Association insists on watered-fairway courses for the big championships. Frankly, to topnotchers of the pro game would make any course look silly that doesn't have watered fairways. They hit that ball so far it's a crime."

Like War of Nerves.

"And take putting. Of course that's the toughest part of the game. I was lucky the other day. I got down some good ones, and I was plenty lucky when I holed that shot for a ace on the 16th. But I didn't miss many that I should have. That's where putting counts. You go along and you don't have that fine touch. You miss 'em by fractions of inches. And after a while it gets you. It's like the war of nerves, wearing you down until you wonder if you'll ever get one to drop. And some days the hole looks the size of a bucket and you feel as if you can't get it. Funny thing, this putting. Either you have it or you don't."

Wiffy was putting George F. Mickelson for a nickel a hole. "This man is a fine putter," said Cox. "One of the best." Mickelson not long ago played Congressional, using 23 putts for 18 holes. It made his par a little 11.

"That's a record, as far as I know, for this course," said Cox. "But what would a long-hitting pro do to this or any other course if he got around in 23 putts? You figure it out. Wiffy had 28 putts in that 62. With 23 putts the round would have been five strokes less. Or would it?"

"Never mind about that," laughed Cox. "I hit that ball all right and the score was all right. But I wish I could figure to hole all these 16 footers every time I step up to 'em as I did that day. When they finally get that putting down to a real science I guess golf will lose its kick."

Over at Washington Lt. H. J. Webb, United States Coast Guard, put together a lot of fine shots to manufacture a subpar 69, thus carrying out the idea that right now—and until mid-September—is the season for low scoring. Fast fairways and well-watered putting greens do their part in making the scoring easier.

Tourney Listed at Scranton.

Some of the local pros are planning a trip to Scranton, Pa., early in September to play in the Anthracite open tourney, which this year fills in the spot on the schedule usually engaged for the Glens Falls open. The Scranton tourney has some engaging aspects.

In the first place prize dough is \$5,000, with \$1,200 to go to the winner. And in the second place the low scorer on each of the four days of the affair, starting September 5, will get \$1,200.

Balkonian Given Hunter Title  
After Tie With Lee's Birthday

By the Associated Press.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 10.—Balkonian, 6-year-old black gelding owned by Mrs. George Watts Hill of Virginia Beach and Durham, N. C., won the hunter championship of the Bath County Horse Show.

Balkonian tied with Lee's Birthday, bay gelding owned by George G. Lee of Norfolk, with 23 points each, but the hunter judges went back into action and awarded the championship to Mrs. Hill's entry and the reserve championship to Lee's Birthday.

Balkonian placed first in the preliminary championship, won the \$300 Hunter Stake Class and paired with Inky and Lucky Buck from the same stable to win the hunt team's event.

Petworth Nine Travels

Petworth A. C. baseball team travels to Deal, Md., tomorrow for a double-header with the Cedar Grove team. The first game will start at 1:30, and players are requested by Manager Robert J. Wheaton to meet at his home, 416 Delafield place N.W., at 11 a.m.

Julius Singer to Wed

Julius Singer, assistant manager of Convention Hall and 1936 winner of The Star bowling tournament, next Wednesday will wed Frances Betman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Betman of this city.

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## Betty Jacobs, Mooney Adler Playgroup Tennis Champs

Takoma Enters Strong  
Line-up in Struggle  
For Team Honors

Pretty Betty Jacobs of Montrose and Mooney Adler of Raymond today proudly exhibited their trophies as senior girl and boy champions of District playgroups as finalists in three double classes took the courts to settle the vexing question of team superiority.

Takoma figured to win at least one crown with teams entered in all three classes. Its senior boys' combination of Sheehan-Curley faced Montrose's McCellan-Smith while its girl junior team of Echols-Walker met Rizer-Blumen of McMillan. Little Miss Echols also paired with Schweitzer against Little and Loshack of Happy Hollow in junior mixed doubles.

Ann Powell of Chevy Chase played well against Betty Jacobs in yesterday's senior final, but couldn't match the expert Montrose representative's clever work and succumbed by the rather wide margin of 6-1, 6-4.

Adler experienced more difficulty with Emmett Sheehan of Takoma, winning after a tiring 3-set struggle, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

Britt Schweitzer, Takoma, won a bitterly-fought match from Pete Loomis, Park View, 7-5, 6-4, for the junior boy laurels.

The results:

Senior girls' doubles (final)—Annette Grolman-Mary Gray (Park View) defeated Betty Jacobs-Mooney Adler (Raymond), 6-2, 6-4.

Senior boys' doubles (final)—Britt Schweitzer-Bill Elam (Takoma) defeated Brown-W. Spindler (Langdon), 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

Junior girls' doubles (semifinals)—La Jean and Mary Gray (Park View) defeated G. Miller-S. Dunington (Langdon), 6-2, 6-4.

Senior mixed doubles (quarterfinals)—Ann Powell-C. Jones (Chevy Chase) defeated Echols-Walker (McMillan), 6-2, 6-4.

Senior mixed doubles (semifinals)—Echols and Schweitzer defeated Miller and L. Kents, 6-2, 6-2.

13 in Squad, Printers  
Flout Jinx on Trip  
To Defend Title

Openly scoffing at superstition but with fingers crossed—just in case the hoodoo might be lingering near by—a doughy band of 13 Union Printers baseball players shove off this evening for Cincinnati and the 31st annual printers' international baseball tournament.

Manager Eddie Edwards headed the group. Making the trip are Fred Waple, Harry Horberg, Phil Boundford, Jimmy Holloran, Buck Grier, George Mosedale, Willie Bortler, Tommy Doonis, "Skip" Gartland, Benny Schneider, Don Pettit and Charley Holbrook.

Washington once again will defend the title it has won so many times. Its task this year promises to be more difficult than usual because of a new rule allowing each team to use two sons of printers in tournament competition. Washington is not availing itself of this rule, although it has several youngsters, notably young Heine Webb, who might come in handy.

18 Swimming Events  
On North Beach List

Some new faces will receive the swimming spotlight tomorrow at the swimming meet at Uncle Billie's Pier, North Beach, Md., as amateurs from this area compete in 18 events for 56 medals and trophies.

The meet appears wide open, since A. A. U. members will not be permitted to enter. The only "name" swimmer so far listed is Les Finnegan, former Northwestern University swimmer. Races listed are the 50, 100, 200 and 440 yard free style; 100-yard back and 100-yard breast stroke for men, while women's, junior boys and girls' events will be 50 and 100 yard free style, 100-yard back stroke and 100-yard breast stroke. First event is at 2:30 p.m.

G. A. O. Netmen Score  
To Escape Cellar

General Accounting Office netmen avoided the Departmental League cellar by turning in a 3-2 victory over Patent Office.

Closest match of the day went to Woods and Moncreur of the losing squad who defeated Robbins and Wendell in three sets, 6-4, 3-6, 10-8.

The summary:

Hulls-Henkel (G. A. O.) defeated Gilliland-Patterson (G. A. O.), 6-3, 6-3; McCarty-Williamson (G. A. O.) defeated Tomlinson and Arnold, 6-3, 6-3; Allen-Grant (G. A. O.) defeated Talbot-Lovell, 6-1, 6-2; Woods-Moncreur (Patent) defeated Robbins-Wendell, 6-4, 3-6, 10-8; Heister-Young (Patent) defeated Ward-Snell, 6-4, 6-4.

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## Helen Hopes to Turn Tennis Tide Against Arch Rival Today

Jacobs Needs a Victory  
To Get Even Break in  
Series With Marble

By the Associated Press.

RYE, N. Y., Aug. 10.—Stoic Helen Jacobs, who has the misfortune to be born about the same time as two of America's greatest woman tennis stars—Helen Wills Moody and Alice Marble—has a hunch she may even her all-time series with Queen Alice today in the finals of the Eastern grass courts championship.

They've met five times and Alice has won three times. But if she's right today, Helen, in her 17th year of big-time tennis, may stage off another of the heart-breaking defeats that have marked her as the "perennial second best."

Out to Square Series.

Although Miss Jacobs was national champion four years, her victories came after Helen Wills finished and before Alice Marble came on the scene. Now, slimmer than ever and feeling much better, Helen thinks she may square the series.

Alice, in the Eastern final for the fourth straight time, is at the top of her game and it's hard to imagine a greater upset than a loss to Miss Jacobs, who gave Miss Marble her last defeat in the semifinals at Wimbledon in 1938.

Helen's theory runs something like this: Alice likes to hit angle shots that involve a maximum of wrist action, so Helen plans to keep driving balls right at her feet, just where she doesn't like them.

But stoically Helen says, "That's probably the shot she'll hit best today."

Prusoff Facing Riggs.

In today's other feature match, Bobby Riggs, national champion, and Seattle's "comeback kid," Henry Prusoff, who ousted Frank Parker from the meet Thursday, clash to see which one will face Don McNeill